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APPROVAL OF LARGE-SCALE UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF BOLIVIA, CHILE, COLOMBIA, ECUADOR, PERU AND VENEZUELA

Project title and number:	Assistance to the Board of Cartagena Agreement in General Programming (Phase II) (RLA/75/085)
Executing Agency:	United Nations (UN)
Government co-operating agencies:	Board of Cartagena Agreement (JUNAC)
Date of approval:	February 1976
Starting date and project operations:	March 1976
Duration:	One year
Estimated value of the Government inputs expressed in US dollars:	Not available
Estimated UNDP contribution:	$197 500
Source of UNDP financing:	Regional Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. In collaboration with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America (UN/ECLA), UNDP has provided technical assistance to the Board of Cartagena Agreement since 1970 (RLA/71/724)1/. This assistance has significantly contributed to the effective implementation of the Board's activities in the areas of industrial development, common external tariffs, subregional agricultural policies, physical integration and general programming. UNDP assistance has contributed to the formulation of Board proposals, which were subsequently approved by the governing body of the agreement and became binding decisions guiding the implementation of the Andean Pact.

2. This project represents the continuation of UNDP assistance to the Board's activities in general programming which have as their major objective the elaboration of a subregional development strategy which would serve as a general framework for the specific integration programmes and projects undertaken by the Board. In addition, this assistance is aimed at the continued and systematic evaluation of the member

1/ DP/L232 (Vol.V), page 47, DP/16/Add.39, and DP/PROJECTS/243.

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countries. A first evaluation of project activities was carried out during 1973-1974 and a second comprehensive evaluation during 1974-1975. These two evaluations were carried out under the preceding phase of the project, Assistance to the Board of the Cartagena Agreement (RLA/71/724).

II. The project

3. The present Phase III project is intended to contribute to the development of the Board's capacity to evaluate the effects of its own action through the constitution of an interdisciplinary group of experts and Board counterpart personnel who, under the direction of the Department of General Programming of the Board, would continue to carry out this task.

4. The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) assist the Board in the continued evaluation of the integration process; (b) contribute to the development of economic indicators with a view to analyzing the effects of the integration process on the economic development of the member states; (c) assist the Board in the continued process of formulating a strategy of subregional development; (d) collaborate with the Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLA) and the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) in the implementation of projects designed to improve national accounts and to co-ordinate national development plans; (e) assist in finalizing preliminary reports on the medium and long-term economic plans of the member states, consistent with subregional strategies and action plans and; (f) assist the Board and member states in defining areas of possible harmonization within medium- and long-term plans, especially in the social sector.

5. UNDP will provide for the services of five experts in the fields of evaluation of the integration process, general programming, national accounts and eocnomic analysis.

6. The expenditures components of the UNDP contribution are as follows:

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Personnel	48	197 500
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